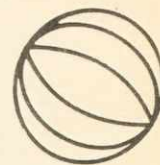


# Tigers capture Rod Shoveller title



by Brent Knightley

For the first time in tournament history, the Dalhousie men's basketball team won the Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament held at the Dalplex.

Dalhousie beat the Maine Central Institute in the final on Sunday 80-78, when Jeff Mayo hit a key three-pointer with 14 seconds left to put the Tigers up by two.

The game was a very chippy affair, at times looking like a hockey game with its fair share of clutching, grabbing, elbowing and even a punch and a headbutt thrown in for good measure.

The MCI Huskies—a much younger squad than the Tigers—became noticeably frustrated with the defence of Dal and eventually lost their composure. Jeff Mayo took a knee while he was down on the floor by Maine's Kellii Taylor (not of 90210 fame) and later he took an offensive charge that sent him tumbling to the floor. Mayo and the other Tiger players did not allow this to distract them from their game.

With 50 seconds left in the game and Maine ahead 78-75, Maine's

Andy Bedard and Dal's Shawn Plancke collided after the play had been whistled down. In the ensuing skirmish, both teams gathered and had words. Maine's Rahim Johnson looked to drive the lane and lay it in for two. Again, his alley was blocked and with four seconds left on the shot clock, he lofted up a three-point prayer which found nothing but mesh and put Dal on top 80-78.



Mayo was the tournament MVP and he led the Tigers in the final with a game-high 36 points, including 3 treys and 15 of 16 from the line. Shawn Plancke had 20 points and 13 rebounds to earn player-of-the-game honors and tournament all-star accolades, while Christian Currie had 11 points and eight boards. Kevin The win was a hard-fought battle and everyone gave it their all. Dalhousie played consistently throughout the tournament and were happy

with the win. Especially impressive was the fact that the Tigers won without their pre-Christmas sensation Reggie Oblitey (injured foot) and Ted Dongelmans (reinjured knee in the semi-final game against Ottawa).

Bellamy drained 3 three-pointers as an outside threat.

In their opening game of the tournament, Dalhousie defeated a much smaller Queen's Golden Gaels team 90-64. Shawn Plancke led the Tigers with 19 points and eight rebounds while Ted Dongelmans added 12 points and Christian Currie had 10.

Dalhousie then went on to play the Ottawa Gee-Gees in the semi-finals—a team they lost to by a score of 96-68 in November. The Tigers won this game 67-62 to earn a berth in the final. Jeff Mayo led Dal scorers with 22 points while Plancke had 14 and Dongelmans added 11. Look for the Tigers this Friday at the Tower where Dal will meet cross town rivals, the Saint Mary's Huskies at 8 p.m.



Dalhousie's Shawn Plancke dunks the ball at the Hall of Fame Classic at the Metro Centre. PHOTO: BILL JENSEN

# Women's b-ball win consolation final

by Sam McCaig

Welcome back to the university that never sleeps.

While you were at home surrounded by turkey, presents and long-lost relatives, several of Dal's teams were hard at play. Actually, the basketball teams were the only active squads over the break, but they put in their time with two tournaments each.

Way back in 1994, the men's side saw action at the Hall of Fame Classic at the Metro Centre. In their first game after almost a month lay-off, the Christmas goodies were evident as the Tigers dropped their opening match to a strong Laurentian team by five points. However, they bounced back in the next round with a victory over their cross-town rivals, the Saint Mary's Huskies. In the consolation final, stand-out rookie Ted Dongelmans nailed a buzzer-beater to give Dalhousie the consolation championship with a one point victory over the University College of Cape Breton Capers.

Meanwhile, the women were playing at the Tower at Saint Mary's in the Huskies' invitational tournament. Like the men's side, they dropped their opening game but roared back with two victories to claim the consolation championship.

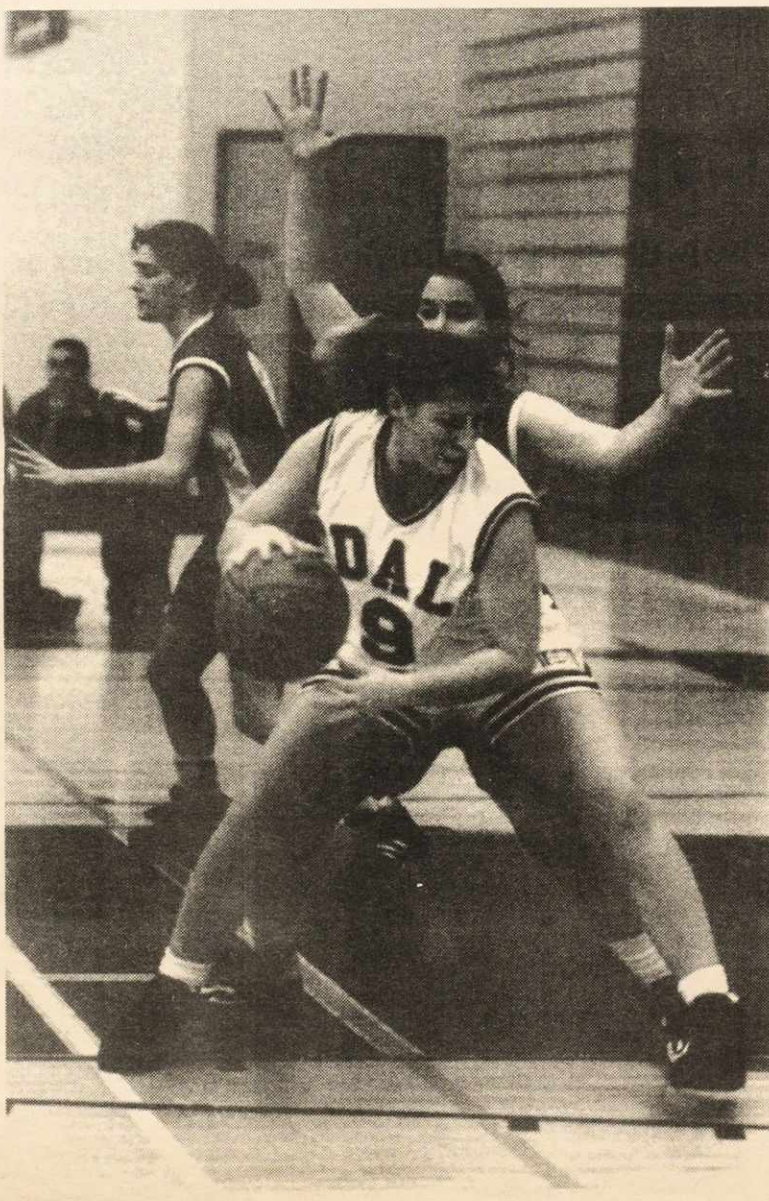
This past weekend saw the men's team win the Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament for the first time. It was three days of great basketball that culminated with a two point victory for the Tigers over a prep school team from Maine. For more on this tournament, see Brent Knightley's article in this issue.

The women continued their winning ways in league play with a victory over the Acadia Axettes at Wolfville on January 4. This upped their divisional record to 6-0 and gave them an eight point bulge over the next three squads in the division.

Then, it was on to McGill University in Montreal to participate in a four team round-robin affair. They started off with a 73-55 loss to Concordia, but bounced back with a 52-50 win over host McGill and a 46-34 defeat of Queens.

Oh yeah, we dropped a hockey

game to the Acadia Axemen way, way back on December 1. I wasn't going to bring this up, but in the interest of keeping you, the student, informed, I guess I have to. However, there is a publication ban on the score and all other game details.



Dalhousie guard Shannon Jones keeps the ball away from opponents at the Tower. PHOTO: BILL JENSEN

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